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For: METHOD FOR WATER)	Date: January 22, 2009
HAMMERLESS OPENING OF FLUID)	
PASSAGE, AND METHOD FOR)	
SUPPLYING CHEMICAL)	
SOLUTIONS AND DEVICE FOR)	
WATER HAMMERLESS OPENING)	
FOR WHICH THE METHOD IS USED)	
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, this Information Disclosure Statement in connection with the above-identified application is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c).

The documents identified on Form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an Office Action mailed December 18, 2008 in co-pending application Serial Number 11/762,987 filed June 14, 2007. Accordingly, no further comment regarding the disclosures of these documents is believed to be required. A copy of each non-U.S. document identified on the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is attached, however, in accordance with Official Gazette Notice dated August 5, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and patent application publications

are not attached.

The Office Action was mailed on December 18, 2008, i.e., less than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. No item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that the Examiner initial a copy of Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, and return them to the undersigned to indicate that the documents have been considered.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97-8, but if the filing of this paper requires fees, the Director is hereby authorized to charge the necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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